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## GIRL OFFERS TO SUFFER PLAGUE

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sound foolish—perhaps even have the air of bravado. But I do not mean it that way. I only feel that if it is possible to save some lives through a little self-sacrifice on the part of one person, then one owes that duty to one's country.

"If the call should come to some one to take the risk, I hope The Tribune will not forget this sincere offer."

She Realizes the Danger.

"Do you realize that if the scientists should accept your proposal fatal results might follow?" she was asked yesterday.

"I realize it, but it is not a part of my fundamental premise," she returned, brightly. "No one would be benefited if I should contract infantile paralysis and die. I have never been sick a single day in my whole life, and I think that my excellent health, with the immediate attention which would begin as soon as I had been inoculated, would make it possible for me to pass safely through the illness and to the high road of health once more. Then I could give my blood for the serum that physicians believe not only insures immunity from the plague but aids in cases already developed."

"When the lives of many little children are concerned the smaller things that fall in a young girl's leisure hours—swimming, yachting, golf, motoring—count for nothing at all. I should think me more of leaving the house than I should think of leaving my room for breakfast."

Her Parents Not Informed.

"Does General or Mrs. Booth know of your proposal?"

"Why should they?" she laughed. "It would only worry them. But I know they will approve of it, because they believe in everything that means helpfulness for others."

"I have seen the ravages of the paralysis plague almost at my own doorstep, and know the horror it is spreading among the babies of the country. That is why I am so anxious to do anything I can to help stamp it out. A girl not trained in science or the craft of nursing may not have much to offer for the fight as one who is. But each girl has her own self to give. This is the simple offer I am making."

"I don't say that it's any one else's duty to make the same proposal I am making. Perhaps I feel differently from others. But I look upon such an offer as simple patriotism."

Miss Booth is the founder of the Girls' National Honor Guard, and is also its president. Within the last five months she has obtained indorsement of the organization from President Wilson and the Governor of every one of the United States, and has increased its membership from five to over 15,000. She is twenty-three years old. Her father is the founder and head of the Volunteers of America.

Scientists Balk at Proposal.

Anxious as she is to be inoculated with the paralysis virus, it is probable

that New York scientists and physicians will hesitate a long while before availing themselves of her proposal. "I consider Miss Booth's offer a magnificent example of enthusiasm and self-sacrifice," Dr. Abraham Zingher, who is doing the blood serum work among the infantile paralysis victims at the Willard Parker Hospital, declared last night. "But personally I would be the last man in this city to take advantage of her heroism. We could probably communicate the disease to her, but we are by no means certain that we could control it after it had once developed. Treatment of infantile paralysis is still at such an uncertain stage that it would be nothing less than criminal to transmit the germ to a human being for scientific purposes."

"I have no doubt that Miss Booth makes her offer in the best of faith. But the risk she would incur would be greater than the advantage of her sacrifice to science."

## MAN IS MYSTERIOUS VICTIM OF PLAGUE

Palisade Victim Did Not Know He Had Paralysis.

Charles Thomas Logan, Jr., owner and editor of "The Palisadian," published in Palisade, N. J., died yesterday from infantile paralysis. Mr. Logan, who was twenty-five years old, was stricken last Thursday, but it was not until yesterday that the nature of the illness was determined. He was graduated from Columbia College and was active in town athletics, being manager of the Palisade baseball team. It is not known how he contracted the disease.

## BLAKELOCK STILL IN ASYLUM

Artist's Release Is Delayed Three Weeks—Studio Not Ready.

Ralph Albert Blacklock must remain in the state asylum for the insane at Middletown three weeks longer. The artist's release, after seventeen years of confinement, was to have taken place Saturday, when he was scheduled to go to a private sanatorium in Lynwood Lodge, N. J. The report of his removal brought many congratulatory telegrams yesterday from Chicago artists.

Mrs. Van Rensselaer Adams, who headed the movement which is to result in the release of Blacklock from the asylum, and the studio and apartments which are being made ready for the artist at Lynwood Lodge have not been completed, and it was thought best not to move Blacklock until everything was ready.

Blacklock, who was elected to the National Academy sixteen years after poverty had driven him insane, is recovering his creative energy and will resume his work as soon as he is established in New Jersey.

## Takes Soldiers 3,000,000 Puzzles.

John C. Wilson will sail for England on the Baltic, taking with him 3,000,000 puzzles called "Kapture the Crown-prize." The object of the puzzle is to get a square into an octagon. Mr. Wilson has been in the novelty business in London several years. He is staying at the Waldorf-Astoria. The puzzles are to while away the leisure of the men in the trenches.

## THREE METHODS USED TO CHECK PARALYSIS HERE

Serum, Auto - Inoculation and Adrenalin Prove Best Remedies.

NEW PLEA IS MADE TO 1,000 FOR BLOOD

Deaths and New Cases Are Fewer—Clubwomen in Disease Fight.

Nine fewer cases of infantile paralysis were reported by the Department of Health yesterday than on Saturday, and four fewer deaths. The new cases numbered eighty-three, and the deaths twenty-one.

Dr. John S. Billings, Deputy Health Commissioner, said yesterday that three methods of treating infantile paralysis were used in the hospitals of the Department of Health, where the victims of the epidemic were being cared for.

At the Willard Parker Hospital Dr. Abraham Zingher and his assistants are using the immune serum treatment; at the Kingston Avenue Hospital the auto-inoculation treatment—withdrawal of the spinal fluid of a patient and injecting it into the muscles of the same patient—is being followed; and the physicians at the Riverside Hospital are using injections of adrenalin as recommended by Dr. S. J. Meltzer, of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research. All the treatments are being used at the Queensborough Hospital.

## Add to Treatment Aids.

"The results of these various methods of treatment are being carefully tabulated, studied and compared," said Dr. Billings, "and a great deal of valuable information is being obtained as to the best methods of treating the disease. We have already added much to our store of knowledge concerning infantile paralysis, and the results obtained from the various treatments have greatly encouraged us."

Dr. Abraham Zingher said yesterday at the Willard Parker Hospital that he continued to obtain excellent results in the treatment of cases by the intraspinal injection of immune serum, especially those cases in which the injection could be made at the outset of the disease. The serum, he said, appeared to have an almost immediate effect in quieting the child and making it less uncomfortable, and although there was usually a slight reaction, accompanied by a rising fever, the child had soon vanished, and the child became stronger and the paralysis less apparent.

The effect of the serum was illustrated yesterday by the case of a little girl, who was taken to the hospital yesterday morning about 6 o'clock. She had been ill for three days, and yesterday afternoon had a high fever, a slight paralysis of the muscles of the eye and a slight affection of the legs. At 6 o'clock last night the child, who is a year and eight months old, was carried into the operating room, where Dr. Zingher made a lumbar puncture, thrusting a hollow needle into the child's spine. Through this needle about twenty cubic centimetres of spinal fluid were drawn off, and about fifteen cubic centimetres of carefully prepared blood serum was permitted to flow by the force of gravity, through the needle into the spine.

## Serum Helps Child.

Before the puncture was made the child was crying and tossing about on its pillow. Its cries lessened at almost the instant the fluid began to flow from its spine through the hollow needle, and as soon as the serum began to enter the spinal canal the baby ceased crying and lay quietly, its pain apparently greatly relieved.

In the natural course of events, without treatment, the paralysis, which had begun to affect the child's eye muscles, would have spread downward and attacked the respiratory muscles of the chest, an almost certain cause of death. By the use of the serum, however, it is believed the paralysis will be prevented from spreading, and the baby probably will leave the hospital with no disability save the slightly paralyzed eye muscles, a condition which in all likelihood can be relieved by surgical procedure.

Dr. Zingher and Dr. Samuel Parnass, who is in charge of the Brooklyn station for the obtaining of blood, yesterday urged former paralysis patients to give their blood for the preparation of serum. Dr. Parnass is stationed at the Brooklyn offices of the Board of Health, at Flatbush Avenue Extension and First Street, from 3 o'clock to 5 o'clock every afternoon, including Sundays. Dr. Zingher is at the Willard Parker Hospital between 9 o'clock in the morning and 4 o'clock in the afternoon, and on Saturdays from 9 to 12 o'clock. Dr. W. C. Fargo, of Bellevue Hospital, will draw blood from volunteers who apply there between 2 and 4 o'clock in the afternoon and 8 and 11 at night.

## More Pleas for Blood.

The Citizens' Committee to Obtain Serum for Infantile Paralysis, of which Lewis L. Delafield, Jr., of 20 Exchange Place, is chairman, will begin its active campaign to-day. A letter of appeal will be sent to each of one thousand former patients, whose names have been obtained by the committee, and they will be urged to visit one of the hospitals and permit their blood to be drawn. Both the letter and the statements of Dr. Zingher and Dr. Parnass emphasize the fact that the operation of drawing blood is painless, requires but a few minutes and causes no ill after effects.

"Those who are unable to go to the hospitals," says the letter of appeal, "either because they cannot use the customary means of conveyance or cannot go at the times stated, should communicate with John S. Billings, Deputy Commissioner, at the Department of Health, 129 Centre Street, whose telephone number is Franklin 6280, in order that appointments may be made to supply transportation to the hospital or for doctors of the Department of Health to visit the homes of such persons. The committee is arranging to provide the department with the means of conveyance."

## INFANTILE PARALYSIS IN ALL BOROUGHES

Borough.	Sun. Sat.	Sun. Sat.
Manhattan....	36 36	5 9
The Bronx....	10 13	4 3
Brooklyn....	27 27	8 8
Queens.....	9 15	4 2
Richmond....	1 1	0 3
Totals.....	83 92	21 25
Total cases to date, 7,796.		
Total deaths to date, 1,831.		

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"As the blood serum is sometimes impaired by transportation, those giving their blood are strongly urged when possible to visit one of the hospitals."

## Humidity Spurs On Disease.

or instance, on July 22 and 23 the humidity was nearly 100 per cent, and this was followed on August 1 by a largely increased number of new cases culminating in the record of 317 on August 3. Since then there has been a gradual decline.

"The figures for to-day show that the encouraging fall in cases and deaths is continuing," said Dr. Billings yesterday. "The eighty-three cases reported to-day for the five boroughs is the lowest point recorded since July 21, when only eighty cases were reported. The deaths also show a steady drop. The only day on which there were fewer deaths than on to-day was July 30, when only thirteen were listed."

"To-day's Brooklyn figures are the same as yesterday's, as are also the cases in Manhattan, but the deaths in Manhattan are only six, the lowest figure recorded since July 30, when there were two in that borough. Queens also shows a diminished prevalence of the disease, the nine cases reported to-day being the lowest for that borough since July 16, when six were listed. In the Bronx alone the cases and deaths show no reduction from the moderate figures of that borough. Two weeks ago there were almost twice as many cases and deaths in New York city as are listed in to-day's report."

Probability of another decrease in the reports of to-day was indicated by the fact that up to 10 o'clock yesterday morning there had been but twenty-six assignments, that is, only twenty-five suspicious cases had been reported which called for diagnosis by the diagnosticians of the department. In the same space of time there are usually anywhere from forty to sixty such assignments made. Nine of yesterday's were in Brooklyn.

## Many "Causes" Are Reported.

The results of the study of 1,948 cases of paralysis and their distribution into age groups were made public yesterday by the Department of Health. Of this number, all reported from May 9 to July 27, 214, or 10.8 per cent, were under one year of age; 1,568, or 77.9 per cent, were from one to five years, inclusive; and 202, or 10.3 per cent, were six years old and over.

Besides the innumerable remedies and cures for the disease with which the Department of Health has been bombarded since the epidemic began, scores of persons have visited the various bureau offices and told the officials what, in their opinion, caused the epidemic. A list of these "causes" was made public yesterday.

Various citizens held the following responsible for the epidemic: Mosquitoes, rats, a dead horse in the Gowanus Canal, milk, sewers, high ground water causing heat, humidity and excessive rain; human carriers, ice cream cones, bent over positions in the schools, street excavations causing air bacillus, stable and blue bottle flies, bedbugs, dust of the streets, a special parasite in the water, alloys in cooking utensils, gases from munitions, factories, meteoric poisoning from calcium, earthquakes and volcanoes, second hand bedding and acidosis or the effect of the air in causing a rapid deterioration in food.

Others were electrical disturbances caused by earth and sky currents, sunburn caused by children walking in the streets with uncovered heads, intestinal derangements, wearing of white clothing, excitement due to glare, automobile and water reflections, dirty milk bottles, children carrying nickels in their mouths when they go to buy candy, smoking (this by Dr. Parnass in collaboration with Annette Hazelton) and reckless automobile driving upsetting the nerves of the populace.

## Club Women in Crusade.

Prominent club women will hold meetings in various sections of the city during the coming week in connection with the educational campaign against infantile paralysis. The meetings will begin at 8:30 and continue until 10 P. M. They will be held as follows: Monday, Seward Park Pavilion, Canarsie and Jefferson Streets; Tuesday, Hamilton Fish Place, Houston and Pitt Streets; Wednesday, band stand in Tompkins Square, Avenue A and Tenth Street; Thursday, Battery Street Recreation Pier, North River; Friday, East Twenty-fourth Street Recreation Pier, East River; Saturday, West 129th Street Recreation Pier, North River; Sunday, East 112th Street Recreation Pier, East River, and West Fifth Street Recreation Pier, North River.

Mrs. Harriet Holt Day, president of the Woman's Press Club, will be chairman of the meetings. The speakers will be surgeons of the United States Public Health Service, Dr. Myron D. Scudder, Miss Florence Guernsey, Mrs. Clarence Burns, Mrs. William Grant Brown, Miss Helen Varick Boswell, Mrs. Eugene J. Grant, Mrs. Flora Spiegelberg, Mrs. Julian Heath, Miss Evelyn Goldsmith, Miss Leila Simon and Mrs. Winifred Sackville Stoner.

Two new cases of paralysis were reported yesterday in Jersey City. They were removed to the Isolation Hospital. The opening of the public schools of Bloomfield and Cedar Grove, N. J., has been delayed until October 2 on account of the paralysis epidemic.

The addresses at which new cases

were found in New York yesterday are as follows:

**Manhattan.**  
52 Spring Street, 99 Allen Street, 78 Charles Street, 147 Sullivan Street, 719 Sixth Street, 211 East Fourteenth Street, 512 West Forty-second Street, 455 Ninth Avenue, 533 East Eighty-second Street, 513 East Fifty-seventh Street, 348 East Sixty-second Street, 309 East Sixty-first Street, 450 East Eighty-first Street, 343 East Fifty-eighth Street, 440 East Seventy-seventh Street, 1457 First Avenue, 453 West 166th Street, 546 West Fifty-fourth Street, 503 West End Avenue, 4

**West Ninety-third Street, 1642 Amsterdam Avenue, 448 West Fifty-fifth Street, 516 West Fifth Street, 501 West 172d Street, 12 Bradhurst Avenue, 432 West Forty-ninth Street, 72 East 124th Street, 2078 Eighth Avenue, 300 East 106th Street, 224 East 109th Street, 1777 First Avenue, 337 East 10th Street, 58 East 103d Street, 125 East 101st Street, 1832 Second Avenue, 324 East 107th Street.**

**The Bronx.**  
423 East 169th Street, 1344 Cooper Avenue, 1481 Vyse Avenue, 660 St. Ann's Avenue, 1464 Wickliffe Avenue, 1355 Webster Avenue, 684 East 141st

**Street, 538 East 149th Street, 602 East 139th Street, 424 East 138th Street.**

**Brooklyn.**  
801 Belmont Avenue, 187 Blake Avenue, 1451 De Kalb Avenue, 552 Driggs Avenue, 127 Eagle Street, 166 Evergreen Avenue, 3080 Fulton Street, 127 Harrison Avenue, 94 Harrison Place, 714 Herkimer Street, 221 Himrod Street, 1402 Jefferson Avenue, 248 Martense Street, 138 Meserole Street, 1083 Myrtle Avenue, 3933 New Utrecht Avenue, 29 Oakland Street, 526 Powers Street, 484 Railroad Avenue, 34 Skillman Avenue, 55 Starr Street, 1919 Surf

**Avenue, 109 Walton Street, 155 Wyckoff Avenue, 323 South First Street, 846 East Twelfth Street, 2849 West Thirty-second Street.**

**Queens.**  
412 Grand Avenue, Astoria; Maxwell Avenue and Bayside Road, Bayside; 61 Timon Avenue, Corona; 24 Ward Street, Maspeth; 2 Nicholas Avenue, Glendale; 558 Fulton Street, Jamaica; 514 Ghareil Avenue, Woodhaven; 150 Clarence Avenue, Arverne; 3114 Bayview Avenue, Far Rockaway. Richmond. 24 Camp Ideal, South Beach, S. I.

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